



# Colossians

## **Background**

- Paul wrote this letter while under house arrest in Rome in AD 60-61.
- Colossae was a declining city on the banks of the Lycus River that Paul likely never visited.
- The church was likely founded by Epaphras (1:7) (4:12-13) and met in the home of Philemon.
- The letter was carried to Colossae by Epaphras and Onesimus along with a personal letter to Philemon.
- It aggressively attacks false teaching spreading throughout Asia Minor. The false teaching included elements of Jewish legalism, angel worship, and early gnosticism.

## **Roadmap**

1. Prayer and Introduction (1:1-14)
2. Preeminence Substantiated (1:15-2:22)
  - a. Jesus first in creation (1:15-18)
  - b. Jesus first in \_\_\_\_\_ (1:19-22)
  - c. Jesus first in the mission (1:23-28)
  - d. Jesus first in the faith (2:1-22)
3. Preeminence \_\_\_\_\_ (3-4)
  - a. Jesus first in our \_\_\_\_\_ (3:1-7)
  - b. Jesus first in our relationships (3:8-17)
  - c. Jesus first at home (3:18-21)
  - d. Jesus first at work (3:22-4:1)
  - e. Jesus first in ministry (4:2-18)

## **Landmark**

Colossians exalts the \_\_\_\_\_ and sufficiency of Christ (1:18). When Christ has His proper place in our lives (1-2), everything else will have its proper place (3-4).

## **Must See**

Jesus Christ is the supreme Lord of creation, salvation, and the church. He is the image and incarnation of God, the fullness of God dwelling bodily.

## **Takeaway**

1. Keep Jesus first in your \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Keep Jesus first in your \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Keep Jesus first in your \_\_\_\_\_.